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OUR MARKET LETTER

Receipts and Sales at Portland Union Stock Yards.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 29.—The receipts at the Portland Union Stock Yards since our last report to you have been 2918 cattle, 84 calves, 2601 sheep and 877 hogs.

Owing to the unexpected showing up of a plentiful supply of cattle, together with the effects of the eastern situation, prices of cattle are lower than was expected for this week. Best steers which were expected to bring \$5.50 at this time are weak at \$5.25, with indications of a further decline. While there is naturally more or less uneasiness here in Portland concerning the agitation, the feeling among all concerned is that it will have less effect here than any other city. Cows have weakened considerably, tops going at around 4 cents with a very sluggish feeling. All shippers should keep in very close touch with their commission men before making shipment.

There has been a good supply of sheep on the market this last week and they have been taken readily at good prices.

The hog market has been very materially affected, \$5.50 being paid for some very good hogs. This is a full half cent reduction over the last week's general average. There was a feeling last week that hogs were too high taking into consideration eastern prices, and that the decline is more or less a natural one, although there has been few hogs on the market this week.

We would advise shippers not to get alarmed at the situation but to look into the matter thoroughly before shipping as a flush at the yards at this time would mean a serious slump, a thing that can be avoided by concerted action between the shipper and the commission men.

Following are quotations on all classes of live stock: Best steers \$5 to \$5.35; fair to good \$4.50 to \$4.75; strictly good cows \$3.75 to \$4; fair to good \$3 to \$3.50; bulls \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheep, best wethers \$5.50 to \$5.75; fair to good \$5 to \$5.25; good ewes \$4.75 to \$5; lambs \$6 to \$6.50; top hogs \$5.75; fair to good \$5.25 to \$5.40.

FALLS CITY LEADS

Polk County High Schools Hold First Series of Debates.

The first of the series of debates between the Polk County high school teams was held last Friday night. Contests were held in Falls City, Perrydale, Ballston and Independence. The two Monmouth teams forfeited to Dallas and Falls City respectively. The scores made by the contestants teams are as follows:

At Independence—Perrydale, 9; Independence, 3.
At Ballston—Independence, 2; Ballston, 1.
At Perrydale—Ballston, 3; Perrydale, 0.
At Falls City—Dallas, 0; Falls City, 3.

The members of all of the teams handled their subjects like veteran debaters and were a credit alike to their schools and the county.

The different schools were represented Friday night by the following pupils: Independence, Bessie Hartman, Marie Jones, Gretchen Kramer, Clyde Dick, Florence Govro and Marion Butler; Dallas, Ruth Shaw, Ruth Campbell, Jessie Howard, Anna Garner, Lorin Butler and Roberta Ballard; Ballston, Clara Summers, Harry Bissell, Carl Greig, Warren Gould, Phene Anderson and Gerald Tillery; Perrydale, Ed. Parker, James Jones, Francis Kurtz, Nellie Key, Max Planer and Lester White; Falls City, Ella Melching, Leslie Toose, Lamar Toose, Herbert Hansen, Edna Seymour and Dale Gottfried.

One point is allowed for the vote of each judge and one point for the decision. The present standing of the various teams in the league is as follows: Falls City, 8; Ballston, 7; Independence, 5; Dallas, 4; Perrydale, 0; Monmouth, 0.

The next debate will be held March 4 on the question: "Resolved, That further restriction of immigration is undesirable." All negative teams will travel and all affirmative teams will debate at home. Anyone having literature on the subject to be debated can aid by loaning it to the young people who are to take part in the contests.

SIX PUPILS PASS

Result of January Examination in Eighth Grade.

The following pupils have successfully passed the eighth grade examination in the public schools of Polk County:

District No. 2, Dallas—Herman Hawkins.
District No. 13, Monmouth—Sarah Hyde.
District No. 21, Perrydale—Hazel Duignan, Carl Morrison.
District No. 61, Mountain View—Robert Adams.
District No. 29, Independence—Lee Fluke.

Many pupils who wrote in this examination passed in all but one or two subjects. They will be permitted to write on these again at the May examination.

H. C. SEYMOUR,
County School Superintendent.

Visited in McMinnville.
Mrs. Ella J. Metzger, J. E. Richter and W. A. Ayres attended the dedication of the new Odd Fellows' Hall in McMinnville, Saturday. About six hundred visitors attended the ceremonies. The new hall is a handsome three-story structure and was built at a cost of \$15,000. The McMinnville Odd Fellows report great activity in all branches of the order, and their new home is conceded to be among the finest in the state.

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NORMAL FOR MONMOUTH

COMMITTEE PREPARES BILL TO RE-ESTABLISH OLD SCHOOL.

Will Take Question Directly to Voters of State Under Initiative Method.

Oregon's three normal schools existing in theory only at Monmouth, Ashland and Weston, are expected to make a fight for renewed life in the next state election, to be held November 8, 1910. Monmouth is the first to announce definitely this week that it will appeal to the people under the initiative for an annual appropriation sufficient to carry on its activities. Announcement of this action would be taken was made Saturday by an alumni committee of the Monmouth institution. It is believed that the other two schools will soon make known similar plans of their own.

The amount that the Monmouth school will ask of the state is to be derived by an annual tax of one-twenty-fifth of a mill on the assessed property. At present valuations this would amount to about \$27,000. This is somewhat less than was given to Monmouth under the old system of legislative appropriations. The committee behind the movement, however, believes that the institution can be conducted on that amount for the present. It is also realized that the state's assessed valuation will increase from year to year, while at any time, if the school is not re-established, the school is half pressed, it can appeal to the legislature for a special appropriation.

Each School's Efforts Separate.
What appropriations the Weston and Ashland schools will ask, if any, remains to be seen. If they set their goal at the same figure proposed by Monmouth it will mean a tax of \$18,000 for normal school purposes, providing all three schools are re-established.

Each school has its own supporters, and will have to stand on its own merits and it will be squarely up to the people to decide whether there shall be one, two or three normal schools, or none at all.

Hood River and one of the other Oregon cities are anxious to become sites of normal schools and are preparing to invoke the initiative for that purpose. These plans are apparently hopeless, in view of certain laws bearing on the subject which are being cited by the supporters of the Monmouth, Weston and Ashland projects. To understand this condition it is necessary to review briefly some of Oregon's normal school history.

There were formerly four normal schools, three in the towns that have been mentioned and the other at Drain. These all existed by legislative appropriations, secured in the biennial sessions, usually by vote-trading, log-rolling and other means. The school at Drain, usually by vote-trading, log-rolling and other means. The school at Drain, usually by vote-trading, log-rolling and other means. The school at Drain, usually by vote-trading, log-rolling and other means.

State Schools Specified.
Monmouth, Ashland and Weston were also on hand asking money, but by the final outcome not a cent for normal school purposes was appropriated. In fact, the Legislature wiped the slate clean of all laws on the subject, excepting a single section, which was adopted in 1885. It follows: The Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon, and the Ashland College and Normal School, in Ashland, in Clatsop County, Oregon, are hereby declared to be state normal schools of the State of Oregon.

This obviously left the field clear to these schools, but with their funds shut off all have since closed down. A State Board of Regents was created and is still in existence. It consists of the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, ex-officio, and six other members. If the state votes funds for Monmouth, Weston or Ashland, each school can reopen with all the machinery of operation provided for.

Other Towns Are Barred.
Other cities of Oregon, outside of Marion County are prevented from going directly to the people for the establishment of a normal school by section 2 of article 14 of the constitution which was amended at the election of June 1, 1908, to read as follows:

The seat of government when established as provided in section 1 shall not be removed for a term of 25 years from the time of such establishment, nor in any other manner than as provided in this article. The seat of government shall not be removed from its present location elsewhere prior to January 1, 1907, shall be the county wherein the seat of government is, excepting when otherwise ordered by an act of the Legislature, and is ratified by the electors of the state at the next general election following such act by a majority of all the votes cast on the question of whether or not such act shall be ratified.

If the normal schools are to be classed as "state institutions" there can be no question but that any town outside of Marion County except Monmouth, Ashland and Weston, must go first to the Legislature and then to the electors, before it can secure an appropriation. The schools in the three towns mentioned were located prior to January 1, 1907.

Alumni Issues Statement.
The alumni committee of the Monmouth school has its bill ready to circulate for a vote under the initiative. The members will urge that, as the oldest institution of its kind in the state, public support should be restored to Monmouth. They say they will not enter into any agreement with the Ashland and Weston schools, but that they will not work against any reasonable appropriations asked by these institutions.

The committee's formal statement follows:
The failure of the Legislature of 1909 to make provisions for the training of teachers and for the maintenance of normal school training in this state cannot but have a reactionary and demoralizing effect upon the public mind. This action of the Legislature, it may be argued, was not due to the failure of the Legislature to recognize the need and importance of the necessity

for an adequate training school for teachers, for we feel confident that the public generally recognizes the normal school as an integral part of our common school system and that its work is vital and necessary to the success of the common schools in the state. This is believed in the experience of every state in the Union and it is the conviction of educators everywhere without dissent.

The Oregon State Normal School was established at Monmouth in 1882, and since that time has given to the state a teaching force of some 900 or more trained teachers who have been a credit and honor to the school.

An important factor in the development of our common school system. It is a fact known to all that the normal school should be more widely known than it is, that there is scarcely a grammar school anywhere in the state in which there is not some one or more trained teachers who were educated for this work in the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth, Oregon. At least 95 per cent of the graduates of this school have been employed in the common schools of this state, and have given to these schools the efficiency and training which amply has repaid the state for all of the expenditures it has made on account of their education.

Tax Will Raise \$27,000 Annually.
At the present time the supply of trained teachers must be sought from among the graduates of normal schools of other states. It is well known that the demand for efficient and trained teachers in the common schools of the state is greater than the supply.

The State Normal School at Monmouth, Oregon, has a valuable plant now idle. This plant is owned by the state, and it is believed that it should be permanently maintained. To this end the committee appointed by the Alumni Association, consisting of Judge George H. Burnett, of Salem, Oregon; Hon. John C. McGuire, of Portland, Oregon; William D. Fenton, of Portland, Oregon; Professor Arleigh G. Pendleton, of Oregon; J. V. Butler and Ira C. Powell, of Monmouth, Oregon, has drafted a bill for an act to be submitted to the voters of the state at the next regular election, on November 8, 1910. The question to be decided by the voters of the state is whether this valuable plant and the experience of this school shall be lost to the state, or whether a reasonable appropriation of a permanent character shall be made to maintain the school at this point. The amount of the tax will be approximately \$27,000 per annum.

The measure proposed is as follows: A law to provide for the permanent support and maintenance of the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon.

Section 1. For the support and maintenance of the Oregon Normal School, at Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon, for the payment of salaries of its faculty, for the purchase of books, buildings, grounds and other property thereon in repair, for the purchase of additional land for the purpose of buildings and additions to the same, so far as necessary, for the purchase of apparatus, and for the payment of necessary expenses, there is levied an annual tax of one-twenty-fifth of a mill on the dollar upon all the taxable property within the State of Oregon.

Money to Go to One Fund.
"Such tax shall be levied and collected as other taxes are levied and collected, and the fund arising therefrom shall be paid into the State Treasury and kept separate and apart from other funds and shall be known as the 'Monmouth Normal School Fund,' and shall be paid out only on warrants drawn by the State Board of Regents and under the supervision and direction of the Board of Regents and their successors in office. If any portion of said fund shall not be used during any fiscal year, the balance remaining shall be carried over until the next year and added to the fund for that year, and the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to audit and allow all claims otherwise payable out of such fund, regardless of the date when contracted."

Section 2. The Oregon Normal School, at Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon, shall be controlled, managed and maintained by a Board of Regents and their successors in office, appointed by and with the authority conferred upon them pursuant to Chapter 189 of the General Laws of Oregon, filed in the office of the Secretary of State on February 25, 1907.

SCHOOL FOR FARMERS

Special Course at O. A. C. Will Begin February 14.

Information worth hundreds of dollars to the farmers of the state will be offered at the Oregon Agricultural College during Farmers' Week, which opens February 14. Lectures and exercises, covering the most vital and important information which science and experience have gathered, will be given by experts. Work will commence at 8 o'clock in the morning and continue until 10 o'clock at night. Ample opportunity will be offered for questions and discussions. The first College Poultry Show will be held on Friday when prize winning birds from some of the best flocks in the state will be exhibited. A summary of the work follows:

Five lectures on Diseases of Farm Animals by Dr. Withycombe; five lectures on Stock-Feeding by Dr. Withycombe; ten hours practical instruction—packing and expert instruction—enough to learn the principles of good packing. In the Willamette Valley each year, thousands of boxes of good fruit is not marketed because farmers do not know how to pack for market; five exercises in Pruning, Budding, Grafting, etc., by Prof. Cole; five lectures on Farm Drainage by Prof. Kent; five lectures on Forage Crops by Prof. Scudder; five lectures on Farm Bacteria by Prof. Pernot; five lectures on Farm Soils by Prof. Scudder; ten lectures on Orchard Diseases by Prof. Jackson; five lectures on Vegetable Gardening by Prof. Boquet; five lectures on Hot Beds and Cold Frames by Prof. Boquet; ten lectures on Orchard Insects by Prof. Bridwell; five lectures on Landscape Gardening by Prof. Peck; five lectures on Chemistry of the Farm by Prof. Bradley; ten or more lectures by prominent men who have been especially successful in some special branch of Agriculture.

Council Favors Sewer System.
At the meeting of the Independence city council last week, the initiative petition praying for a special election to be held March 23, 1910 to submit to the voters of Independence the matter of providing a system of sewers for the city, and for voting the necessary bonds for the construction of same was unanimously carried. There were sixty-eight signatures to the petition. The proposed amount of bonds is \$35,000. The petition meets with the unanimous consent of the people of Independence.—Enterprise.

FOR GREATER OREGON

INTERESTING ITEMS OF STATES' GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

Grocers Hold Successional Convention in Eugene—Big Racing Association Planned.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 1.—Preliminary steps were taken here this week for the formation of a Western Fair Association for the country west of the Rocky Mountains, to bear the same relation to this territory as the American Trotting Association and the National Trotting Association do to the East. The step was taken at the meeting of the North Pacific Fair Association, which appointed a committee to work on the project and report at the next meeting.

New officers for the North Pacific Fair Association were elected as follows: President, F. A. Welch, Salem; vice-president, W. H. Gibbons, Boise, Idaho; secretary and treasurer, John W. Pace, North Yakima, Washington. Dates set for the various racing meets of the Northwest during the coming season are as follows: Everett—August 5-10; Salem, September 12-17; Walla Walla, September 19-24; North Yakima, September 24-October 1; Spokane, October 10-15.

Grocers Demand Pure Food.
The annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association, at Eugene during the past week was a triumph, its membership is composed of up-to-date merchants whose aim is to serve the consumers with first class merchandise at moderate prices. During the discussion at the various sessions of the convention they insisted on pure food products and the trend of the gathering was toward better citizenship.

Medford's Booster Club.
Modern commercial activity is emphasized by the progressive spirit of the Medford Commercial Club. It has a membership at present of 562 and when one realizes that there is an initiation fee of \$1.00 in addition to the monthly dues, one gets a better appreciation of the reason why people hear so frequently of the Rogue River city.

Will Celebrate Admission Day.
State-wide interest is shown in the development congress to be held at Eugene February 11 and 12. Commonwealth Day, the fifty-first anniversary of the admission of Oregon as a state, will be celebrated on February 12. Questions of general interest, such as the conservation of the state's resources, extension of irrigation, country conditions, and educational subjects will be taken up.

Japan Sends Roses.
Japan, showing its friendly feeling toward Oregon and the Pacific Coast, has sent 170 bushels of native roses to be set out in the parks and public squares of Portland on February 22, the official rose planting day, when the metropolis will make a holiday and hold special exercises. The gift is a gracious one and is much appreciated by Rose Festival officials. A number of foreign nations have been heard from each contributing native roses to be planted here on Washington's Birthday. It is expected by rosarians that the bushes will thrive in their adopted country as well as in their own clime.

Big Week's Wages.
An instance of the advance of realty values in Portland during the past 50 years was brought up this week when the corner at Fifth and Morrison streets sold for \$450,000 and an additional \$119,000 was paid for the transfer of the leases. Peter W. Severson, who sold the property, owned it for 51 years. It was literally forced upon him as apparently of little value. He was then owed a week's wages by the owner of the property, who also borrowed Severson's shotgun and lost it. The man who held the lot offered the property in lieu of the week's wages and the missing weapon. Severson departed, but finally was forced to accept the lot to cover the double debt.

WANT BETTER STREETS

All Oregon Towns Are Working for Hard-Surface Pavement.

That Forest Grove will have to pave its business streets with a hard surface pavement, if it is to keep pace with Oregon cities, appears evident. It has been shown at McMinnville and at The Dalles that macadamized streets are not lasting. The tar or hard surface finish is needed to make the streets lasting, dustless and free from mud.

Macadamized streets and paved streets are entirely different. The former are but temporary makeshifts, while paved streets are permanent. Medford will pave ten miles of streets the coming summer. A committee from the council has gone to California to look into the paving question.

Independence is agitating the paving problem and the councilmen say that the town needs pavement. They have seen the real results of hard pavement in Salem which three years ago was set against paving as being too expensive.

At The Dalles the hard surface pavement is being considered by the council. At The Dalles the hard-surface pavement has given that progressive city metropolitan air.—Forest Grove News.

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